

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action transmitted January 29, 2008 ("*Office Action*"). At the time of the *Office Action*, Claims 1-20 were pending. The Examiner allows Claims 1-6 and 13-18 and rejects Claims 7-12 and 19-20. Applicant cancels Claims 7-12 and 19-20 without prejudice or disclaimer and respectfully requests issuance of the remaining claims, all of which are in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's indications.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's statement that Claims 1-6 and 13-18 are allowed. With the cancellation of Claims 7-12 and 19-20, all claims are now in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's indications.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejects Claims 7-12 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0122547 A1 by Hinchey et al. ("*Hinchey*"). Applicant respectfully traverses, but to hasten issuance of presently allowable subject matter, Applicant cancels Claims 7-12 and 19-20 without prejudice or disclaimer. All claims are thus now in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's indications.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending Claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

No fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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